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### **Re: OPRA Request 22.10\_718**

Dear Requestor:

My office is in receipt of your OPRA request dated October 15, 2022 and received on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please note that this is **NOT** a denial of your request, but your request for "all police reports involving police officer Edward Selby during the period 1990-1999" is vague, overly broad, and lacks the specificity of a proper OPRA request. A proper OPRA request must identify with reasonable clarity the desired records, and a party cannot satisfy this requirement by simply requesting all (any or other) of an agency's documents. Bent v. Township of Stafford Police Department, Custodian of Records, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005).

As a Police Officer with the City of New Brunswick Officer Selby may have prepared many different types of reports required of his position during that time. If the records you seek are all reports prepared by Officer Edward Selby, please be advised this request may require research as opposed to a simple search of records and may involve the expenditure of many hours to complete. Please be advised that the NJ OPRA Statute does not require that the City of New Brunswick conduct research. Therefore, it is very important that you specify the type of document you seek and provide as much information as possible to help us identify documents that may be responsive to your request. In cases where responsive documents are voluminous a special service charge may apply.

Finally, be advised that the New Brunswick Police Department Headquarters building located on the banks of the Raritan River at the intersection of Rt. 18 North and Rt. 27 was severely damaged during Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and many of the paper records were destroyed.

As stated above, this response is not a denial of your request it is simply an attempt to obtain more specific information that will allow us to respond appropriately. As it stands your request is overly broad, vague and lacks the specificity of a proper OPRA request. Should you wish to amend your request we will make every effort to provide you with responsive documents.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and if my office can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Amish Shah

cc. Leslie Zeledon, City Clerk  
Joseph Catanese, Asst. City Attorney